arrangements to increase the number of village post offices in the State. At the same time, it is absolutely necessary to arrange for the delivery of *tappals* in villages at least twice a week. On account of this postal inconvenience, we sometimes have to miss very important meetings at District Head-quarters. There is no extra cost in the proposal, while the convenience to the public will be great. The number of Post Offices may also be increased.

Mr. Ramakrishna Iyer.—At times, some important letters do not reach the parties even after 15 days. At present, remittances on account of commercial transactions are made through messengers with its consequent results of loss and delay as we cannot rely upon postal money orders.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—If Government only take this question into their sympathetic consideration and write to the authorities, we think there will be no difficulty in its being sanctioned without delay.

Dewan.—The number of post offices in the State has lately been increased and the question of still further increasing that number is under correspondence. In the meantime, if there are local inconveniences, such individual cases may be brought to the notice of the postal authorities as well as Government so that action might be taken to remedy the inconveniences.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Grant of Travelling Allowance to Representative Assembly members.

Messrs. (1) Ibrahimkhan and Baragur Narasimhaiya, Sira Taluk and (2) B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk and T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association.

Mr. Narasimhaiya.—Travelling allowances may be allowed to the Members of the Representative Assembly in the same way as the members of the District and Taluk Boards, whenever they proceed to the District Head-quarters for the purpose of selection of subjects for the Representative Assembly, and also for proceeding to Mysore to attend the Assembly.

Mr. Kesavaiya.—As the Members of the Assembly do not get travelling allowance for their journeys in connection with Assembly work, many of them do not attend any functions connected with it.

Mr. Purushotham Anandagiri Gosai.—Members of the Representative Assembly come to Mysore with the same purpose as Government officers. There are a number of allowances given to officers such as Local, Personal, Special and so on. In spite of it, they are also entitled to travelling allowance in addition. It is but reasonable that Members of the Representative Assembly must be allowed the privilege of at least

drawing travelling allowances. Some of them come to Mysore with considerable inconvenience to their business, with the result that they incur a heavy loss as they have to spend much more than what they get in the shape of *lavajama*. We therefore pray that Government might consider this question sympathetically.

Mr. Shamiengar.—The object of the Representatives in going to Mysore is to represent their grievances before the Government and not to secure conveniences for themselves. If one kind of allowance is given, representations will be made for other allowances such as mileage, etc. Formerly only *lavajama* was being paid. Now a sort of commutation has come up and money payment is made to those who prefer it. We as representatives must do honorary work without clamouring for allowances. When representations for allowances are received from Members of the Assembly who are advocating retrenchment, the advocacy for retrenchment is meaningless.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—It is not so. Formerly *batta* as well as *lavajama* was being paid.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—The amount in lieu of *lavajama* that is now being given is not adequate even to meet the hotel charges which amount to more than Rs. 2/8 per diem. Before the members leave Mysore, they will have to spend from Rs. 50 to 60 from their pockets. The case of those members who come from distant places like Bagepalli, Koppa and other places is still harder. Hence, Government should consider the question of giving either travelling allowances or at least actual expenses to Members of the Assembly. They do not come for any private business of their own. In fact, they come at the risk of their private business. They must be recouped their necessary expenses.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah.—According to the new Election Rules, even people of ordinary means become entitled to be elected as Members of this Assembly. They cannot be expected to spend money out of their pocket. It is therefore desirable to grant allowances to such members at least.

Mr. H. Krishnasastry.—No differentiation of the kind suggested should be made. That would be invidious.

Dewan.—Will be considered.